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PATENT APPLICATION  
SERIAL NO. 10/645,202

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Paul McAfee

Serial Number: 10/645,202

Filed: August 21, 2003

For: METAL BACKED UHMWPE ROD  
SLEEVE SYSTEM PRESERVING  
SPINAL MOTION

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Group Art Unit: 3733

Examiner: Richard Shaffer

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 20, 2006 ("Office Action"), Applicant hereby requests an extension of time for making this response, and respond as follows: